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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)		Docket Number (Optional) MERCK-2038
In re Application of Reiner DELP et al.		
Application Number 09/446,326	Filed December 20, 1999	
For LASER-MARKABLE PLASTICS		
Group Art Unit 1774	Examiner Tamra Dicus	

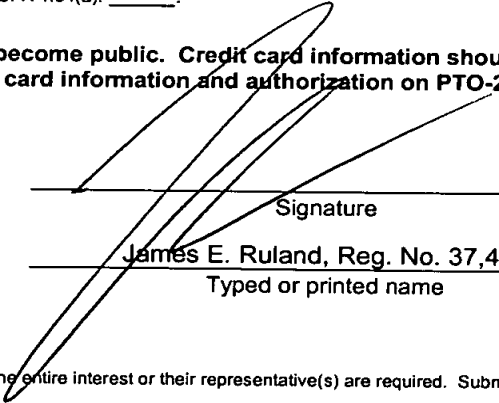
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application.
The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

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- ☐ Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$ _____
- ☒ Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$ 950.00
- ☐ Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$ _____
- ☐ Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$ _____
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ _____.
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- ☐ The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 13-3402.
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☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).
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